

REMARKS

The above-captioned patent application has been carefully reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action to which this Amendment is responsive. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended in an effort to further clarify and distinctly that which is recorded as the present invention. Claim 2 has been canceled. To that end, no new matter has been added.

The subject matter of Claim 2 has been added to Claim 1. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended in order to correct the dependencies based on canceled Claim 2. No new matter has been added.

The sole prior art rejections of Claims 1 and 8 are believed to be moot in light of the amended Claim 1. Therefore, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

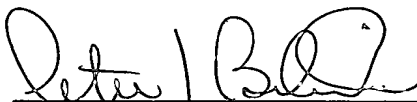
Applicants' gratefully request the allowability of Claims 2-7 and 9-10. Applicants' believe the above-captioned patent application is now in an allowable condition and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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